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Serial No. 10/652,791 ) Examiner: TBA  
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Filed: August 29, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: TBA  
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Title RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition of ) Confirmation No.: TBA  
Platelet-Derived Endothelial Cell Growth )  
Factor (ECGF1) Gene Expression Using )  
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA) )

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

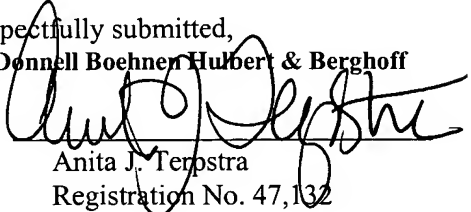
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

1. In regard to the above identified application,  
We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Correction of Claim for Priority;
  - b) Preliminary Amendment;
  - c) Return postcard
2. With respect to fees:
  - a) It is believed no fee is due at this time.
3. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION: Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 12, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,  
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CORRECTION OF CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the claim for priority be corrected for the above-mentioned application. The priority claim is being corrected within 4 months of the filing date of the present application, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-1249. The claim for priority is as follows:

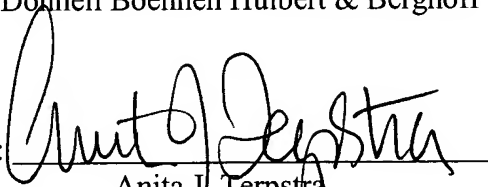
This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/422,704 filed April 24, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/417,012 filed April 16, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of International Patent Application No. PCT/US03/05346 filed February 20, 2003, and a continuation-in-part of International

Patent Application No. PCT/US03/05028 filed February 20, 2003, which claim the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/358,580 filed February 20, 2002, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/363,124 filed March 11, 2002, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/386,782 filed June 6, 2002, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/406,784 filed August 29, 2002, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/408,378 filed September 5, 2002, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/409,293 filed September 9, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/440,129 filed January 15, 2003. This application is also a continuation-in-part of US Patent Application No. 10/444,853, filed May 23, 2003. All of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties, including the drawings.

Applicants have attached a preliminary amendment to the specification to correct the existing priority claim. Applicants respectfully request entry of the correction of priority claim.

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